



VALLEY COUNTY PROFILE

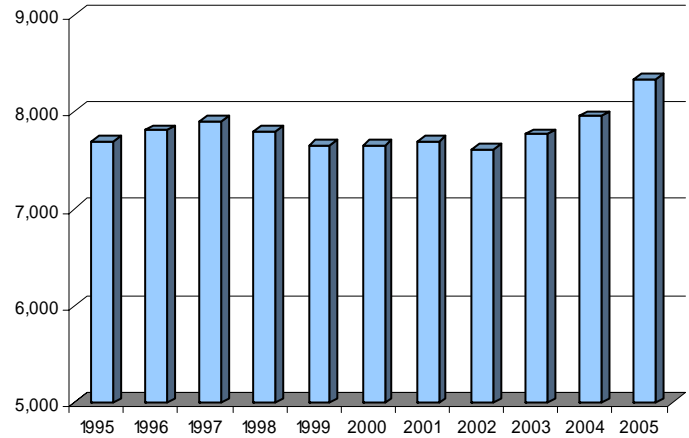
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Population

Valley County ranks 30th among Idaho's 44 counties in population, but is 5th largest in total area. The population of Valley County increased steadily until 1997 when the population started to taper down. Over the decade, the population grew by 458 individuals from a 1994 population of 7,512 to a 2004 population of 7,970. The population growth rate of 6.1 percent since 1994 is below the statewide growth rate of 21.7 percent for the same period. With the recent building boom going on in Valley County due to a new resort being built the summer, spring and fall population of the county is much larger due to the number of out of area construction workers living in the area. In addition, the region supports a large number of seasonal residents who have enough discretionary income to have second or vacation homes. There are sizeable differences in population based on the season of the year.



Labor Force & Employment

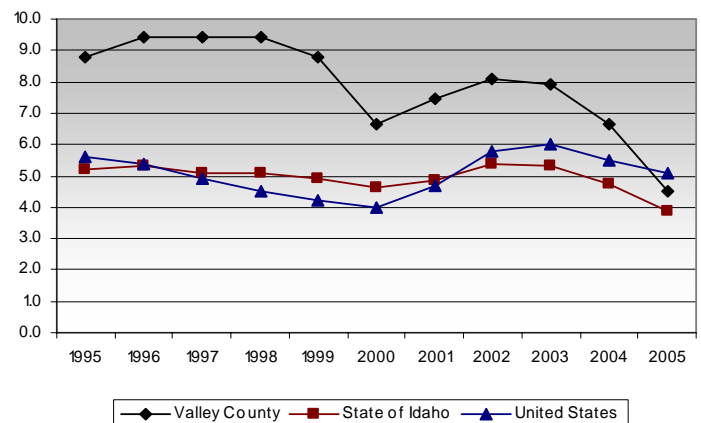
The civilian labor force is defined as non-institutionalized, non-military individuals age 16 or older either employed or unemployed (not employed actively seeking employment). The labor force counts people based on where they live not where rather than where they work.

The Civilian Labor Force of Valley County experienced an increase over the decade growing by 201 individuals, or 5.0 percent, since 1994. It would seem the labor force has increased much more than that but many of the workers coming to Valley County don't call Valley County their home, therefore they are not counted in the labor force. Over the last ten years the average annual unemployment rate reached a high of 9.4 percent in 1996, 1997 and 1998 but has since dropped significantly to 6.6 percent in 2004. Along with Valley County's well-developed tourism industry that has created many jobs thus helping lower the unemployment rate, new construction occurring throughout the county, and the opening of a new resort that has become a major employer have also played big roles in driving down unemployment.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs in Valley County increased by 402

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	4,673	5,160
Total Employment	4,479	4,970
Unemployed	194	190
Valley County % Unemployed	4.2	3.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

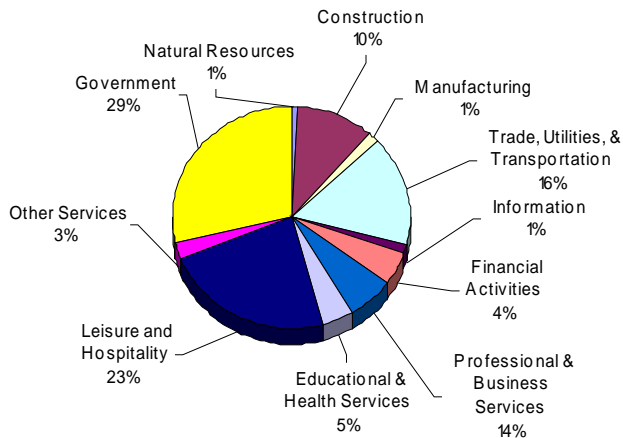
Unemployment Rates



jobs, or 12.1 percent, over the past decade. This number does not include self employed people or out of state contractors which if added in would make the employment figures in Valley County much higher. Decreases in Agriculture, Mining, Manufacturing and Government were offset by large gains in Construction, Trade Utilities and Transportation, Professional and Business Services and Leisure and Hospitality. The continued construction at Tamarack Resort will continue to add construction jobs as well as more jobs in the retail industry not to mention increased employment at the resort itself as construction gets nearer to completion. Education and Healthcare can be considered a future growth industry and will begin to add jobs too as more and more people begin discovering and settling in Valley County.

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	4,082	4,185	4,209	4,155	4,044	4,108	4,016	4,007	3,992	4,190	4,710
Unemployment	360	392	397	391	355	272	299	325	316	278	213
% of Labor Force Unemployed	8.8	9.4	9.4	9.4	8.8	6.6	7.4	8.1	7.9	6.6	4.5
Employment	3,722	3,793	3,812	3,764	3,689	3,836	3,717	3,682	3,676	3,912	4,497

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Major Employers

Brundage Mountain Ski Resort
Cascade School District
City of McCall
Tamarack Resort
McCall-Donnelly School District
McCall Memorial Hospital
Paul's Market
Amerititle Inc.
US Department of Agriculture - Forest Service
Valley County

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Bookkeeper	\$9.50
Cashier & Retail Sales	\$7.50
Certified Nursing Assistant	\$8.50
General Office Clerk	\$9.00
Construction Worker/Laborer	\$11.50
Cook	\$8.00
Grounds Maintenance	\$8.50
Home Health Aide	\$8.00
Laborer, General	\$10.00
Maid/Housecleaner	\$8.00
Receptionist/Front Desk Attendant	\$9.00
Waiter/Waitress	\$6.00

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Per Capita Income & Employment

Valley County ranks third in the state in terms of per capita income at \$29,015, which is above the state average of \$25,476 but below the national average of \$30,906. Per capita income in Valley County was surpassed by only Blaine County and Ada County. Valley County has a growing number of people with vacation homes in the area thus increasing the per capita income for the county despite the fact that a majority of jobs within the city and county limits are below average pay for the state. While most wages in Valley County are beginning to increase, for now jobs in *Government*, *Information* and *Education and Health Services* are paying the best wages.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	3,335	\$17,398	3,539	\$22,256	3,737	\$23,524
Agriculture	109	\$19,649	77	\$18,114	94	\$17,957
Mining	30	\$36,112	3	\$21,929	2	\$16,483
Construction	259	\$16,395	314	\$22,128	389	\$24,088
Manufacturing	119	\$27,141	48	\$20,094	54	\$22,161
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	491	\$14,447	594	\$18,207	599	\$19,649
Information	38	\$26,695	46	\$43,170	50	\$45,396
Financial Activities	125	\$19,285	128	\$21,934	180	\$25,241
Professional and Business Services	95	\$23,093	179	\$27,840	219	\$26,591
Educational and Health Services	189	\$15,867	186	\$23,277	170	\$29,720
Leisure and Hospitality	758	\$8,088	804	\$11,831	852	\$12,854
Other Services	58	\$11,192	89	\$13,937	88	\$15,456
Government	1,062	\$23,349	1,071	\$31,485	1,039	\$32,566

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Valley County	\$21,700	\$22,614	\$22,895	\$24,608	\$25,958	\$27,783	\$28,284	\$28,723	\$29,064	\$30,947
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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